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CONTINUATION OF

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TITLE:

"DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRA

DISC DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination of this continuation patent application, and also in response to the Final Office Action of May 10, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Change the title to read: --MILLING HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRAL DISC DEVICE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7 of the Substitute Specification, line 5, replace "51" with --54--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 3, after "of" insert --the opposing--.

Claim 10, line 1, replace "1" with --9--.

Please add the following new claims-18 through 24.